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Serial No.: 09/755424 Group Art Unit: 1725
Filed: January 5, 2001 Docket No.: 01610.0100-US-01
Title: FOCUSED BEAM CUTTING OF MATERIALS

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- Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
- Communication Regarding Uninitialed References on Form 1449 with enclosures
- Transmittal Sheet
- Return postcard

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Extra Claims Present | Rate | Fees |
| Total Claims | 19 | 49 | 0 | X \$18.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 1 | 4 | 0 | X \$86.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Multiply Dependent Claims | | | | | \$ 0.00 |
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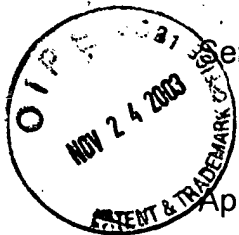
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COMMUNICATION REGARDING UNINITIALED REFERENCES ON FORM 1449

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a non-final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on July 17, 2003, but has not received notification that references submitted with two previous Information Disclosure Statements have been considered. Applicant is requesting the Examiner initial the Form 1449s in the space provided to indicate that these documents have been considered. The details follow.

Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 citing 33 U.S. patents on September 27, 2001. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 citing two U.S. patents and two PCT applications was filed on January 31, 2003. However, to date, acknowledgment of the documents filed has not been received.

Applicant is submitting a courtesy copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 27, 2001 with a copy of the return postcard showing a Patent and

Trademark Office date stamp of October 1, 2001. Also enclosed with this communication are copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, transmittal sheet containing a 1.10 mailing certificate and having a mail date of January 31, 2003, and return postcard having a PTO date stamp of February 7, 2003, indicating receipt of all materials at the Patent Office.

Applicant is not submitting copies of the references at this time. However, if the Examiner deems it necessary, copies of the cited prior art will be resubmitted.

Attorney for the Applicant states the above-referenced copies are true copies of the originally mailed correspondence.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner promptly return copies of the initialed Form 1449s to the Applicant's representative with the next Office communication.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact the undersigned attorney of record, Hallie A. Finucane at 952.253.4134.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 1416.33US01

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Application No.: 09/755,424

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: January 5, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3763

For: FOCUSED BEAM CUTTING OF MATERIALS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This information is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449,
Copies of 4 references, Copy of International Search Report
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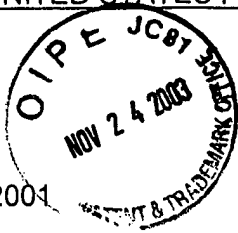
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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This statement should be considered because it is filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) and/or a copy of each document is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a parent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. In addition, Applicant(s) do(es) not represent that a reference

has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended, and reserve the right to establish otherwise under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or others.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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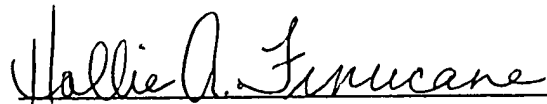
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